

**Memorandum on Certification for  
Major Illicit Drug Producing and  
Drug Transit Countries**

*February 26, 1999*

Presidential Determination No. 99-15

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Certification for Major Illicit Drug  
Producing and Drug Transit Countries

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act"), I hereby determine and certify that the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries/dependent territories have cooperated fully with the United States, or have taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances:

Aruba, The Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(B) of the Act, I hereby determine that it is in the vital national interests of the United States to certify the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries:

Cambodia, Haiti, Nigeria, and Paraguay.

Analysis of the relevant U.S. vital national interests, as required under section 490(b)(3) of the Act, is attached.

I have determined that the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries do not meet the standards set forth in section 490(b) for certification:

Afghanistan, Burma.

In making these determinations, I have considered the factors set forth in section 490 of the Act. Given that the performance of each of these countries/dependent territories has differed, I have attached an explanatory

statement for each of the countries/dependent territories subject to this determination.

You are hereby authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress immediately and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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***February 22***

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas R. Reedy as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

***February 23***

The President announced his intention to nominate George T. Frampton, Jr., to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality. The President will designate him as Chair upon confirmation.

The White House announced that the President will address the opening of the U.S.-Africa Ministerial on Partnership in the 21st Century on March 16 in Washington, DC.

***February 24***

In the morning, the President met with President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana in the Cabinet Room.

***February 25***

In the morning, the President traveled to Tucson, AZ. In the afternoon, he visited the Major League Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks' practice facility at Tucson Electric Park.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence J. Delaney to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

In the evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA.